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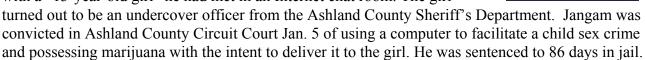
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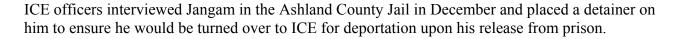
ICE deports Nepalese sex offender Traveled to Wisconsin to have sex with "13-year-old girl" he met on Internet

CHICAGO — A Nepalese national who traveled from Minnesota to Wisconsin to have sex with a 13-year-old girl he met on the Internet was deported yesterday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Bipin Jangam, 26, was deported to Kathmandu, Nepal, last night under the escort of two government officers.

Jangam, of Excelsior, Minn., first entered the U.S. in 2001 on a student visa. He was arrested Nov. 7 in Ashland, Wis., after traveling there to have sex with a "13-year-old girl" he had met in an Internet chat room. The girl





"Sexual predators are at the top of our list for arrest and deportation," said ICE Field Office Director Debbie Achim, who leads ICE detention and removal operations for a six-state area. "Those who enter our country illegally have no right to be here, and we will use all our authorities to get these criminals off our streets and out of the United States."

Jangam's deportation is part of Operation Predator, an ongoing ICE enforcement initiative to protect children from pornographers, child prostitution rings, Internet predators, alien smugglers, human traffickers, and other predatory criminals. Since this initiative began in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 6,900 individuals nationwide, including more than 340 in Illinois.

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ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or http://www.cybertipline.com.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.